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=SELECTMENS' REPORT.=

THE TOWN OF MEREDITH IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SELECT-
MEN FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1886.

The Town of Meredith, Cr.

By balance reported March 1st, 1885,	\$2,485 74
By assessment State Tax,	1,708 00
" of County Tax,	1,941 79
" of School Money, by law,	1,494 50
" for grading Boardman Hill,	200 00
" for watering trough at Tuttle's Corner,	50 00
" for Decoration Day,	75 00
" for defraying running expenses of Public Library,	50 00
" Overlay by Percentage,	273 32
" Dog Tax,	105 00
" Non-resident Highway Tax,	194 66
" Fire Precinct Tax,	394 99
" School District Tax, Dis. No. 2,	30 45
" " " 5,	309 78
" " No. 5, Un. Centre Harbor,	1 46
" " Tax, Dis. No. 6,	104 37
" " " 8,	165 32
By amount of Insurance Tax,	18 75
" Railroad Tax,	544 37
" Savings Bank Tax,	2,752 08
" Literary Fund,	222 04

By amount received of State for bounty on woodchucks,	\$160	37
“ “ Ira Boynton, for license on bil-		
liard tables,	19	00
“ “ rent of Town Hall above expenses,	55	72
“ “ Belknap County for paupers,	115	67
“ of interest collected on taxes after Dec. 1st,	4	64
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	\$13,477	52

PAID THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Oliver L. Bickford, District No. 2,	\$104	19
Daniel L. Alexander, “ 3,	145	65
C. C. Whittier, “ 4,	151	61
A. S. Clough, “ 5,	865	88
S. F. Wadleigh, “ 6,	114	88
B. C. Tuttle, “ 7, Un. Laconia,	54	24
John W. Pease, “ 8,	146	25
N. G. Plummer, “ 9 and 10,	138	89
Ezra R. Chase, “ 11,	56	68
Benjamin Perkins, “ 12,	88	71
Mrs. Emily H. Sanborn, “ 13,	45	86
Arthur B. Flanders, “ 14, Un. N. Hampton,	32	40
Noah H. Smith, “ 15,	44	55
Frank B. Swain, “ 16,	39	79
Joseph W. Robinson, “ 17,	48	48
Geo. Woodman, “ 20, Un. Sanbornton,	3	85
M. C. Clark, union with Centre Harbor,	8	99
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	\$2,090	90

PAID PAUPER ROADS.

M. S. Swain, breaking Hermit road,	\$11	75
D. R. Caverly, “ Turnpike road,	18	75
John Webster, “ road,	8	77
Noah L. Sinclair, “ “	8	13

Frank B. Swain, repairing Hermit road,	\$8 90
D. R. Caverly, " Turnpike road,	25 45
John Webster, " road,	4 56
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	\$86 31

PAID ROADS AND BRIDGES.

William Neal, cutting out drifts on Cass Hill,	\$20 00
John C. Gove, breaking roads, District No. 20, '84-'85,	3 12
Luther Boynton, " " 14, " "	9 82
John C. Thompson, " " 35, " "	21 87
W. S. Smith, " " 34, " "	20 50
John Webster, " " 24, " "	26 66
Luther M. Chase, " " 23, " "	6 31
M. C. Brown, " " 15, " "	45 00
D. W. Caverly, " " 36, " "	4 37
William H. Brown, " " 6, " "	13 31
T. P. Perkins, " " 22 1-2, " "	5 20
C. W. Stevens, cutting out drifts on Cass Hill,	3 75
C. H. Swain, breaking roads, District No. 26, '84-'85,	35 31
Geo. W. Wiggin, " " 1, " "	24 78
J. S. Dolloff, " " 22, " "	15 87
John Richardson, " " 17, " "	33 37
J. D. Bartlett, " " 9, " "	45 54
Austin J. Swain, " " 29, " "	10 54
Isaiah Swain, " " 37, " "	28 69
David Brown, " " 33, " "	28 87
Warren L. Crockett, " " 30, " "	3 80
A. W. Gray, " " 12, " "	13 05
Daniel L. Alexander, " " 2, " "	24 43
D. S. Burleigh, " " 14, " "	25 00
M. S. Swain, " " 32, " "	11 78
Ed. Huckins, " " 28, " "	4 78
O. N. Roberts, " " 3, " "	44 82
M. R. Marshall, " " 18, " "	3 75

John T. Sanborn, breaking roads, Dis. No. 25, '84-'85,	\$5 79
S. D. Hinds, " " 31, " "	10 75
Phineas Dolloff, " " 21, " "	26 24
Geo. W. Curry, " " 8, " "	27 02
C. Bryant, cutting out drifts on Cass Hill,	2 22

\$606 31

PAID REPAIRING ROADS.

William Neal, repairing roads on Cass Hill,	\$2 43
" " " District No. 8, '85,	1 30
A. B. Flanders, " " 26, " "	7 56
M. R. Chase, " " 22, " "	2 25
John Hodsdon, " "	1 50
M. M. Association, lumber and plank, Dis. No. 3,	21 22
B. Perkins, bridge plank, " 29, '85,	4 24
John Webster, repairing road, " 24, " "	2 57
Geo. H. Clark, bridge plank,	75 41
William Neal, labor putting in sewer,	22 43
G. L. P. Corliss, repairing roads, District No. 18, '85,	36 00
J. F. Smith, building over Marston bridge, " 20, " "	64 62
D. B. Eaton, repairing bridge, " 6, " "	14 41
Warren K. Kimball, repairing roads, " 27, " "	6 37
F. S. Prescott, grading Boardman Hill,	200 00
E. R. Plummer, repairing roads, District No. 31, '85,	6 15
D. S. Burleigh, " " 14, " "	22 25
N. H. Chase, " " 37, " "	7 13
J. M. Chase, " " 22 1-2, " "	17 96
C. E. Bryant, " on Cass Hill,	40 50
M. R. Chase, " District No. 22, '85,	14 98
B. P. Swain, " " 10, " "	88
M. C. Brown, " " 15, " "	12 95
Meredith Shook & Lumber Co., lumber and bridge plank,	45 14

\$630 25

PAID PAUPER BILLS.

M. P. Moulton, house rent for F. Perkins' family to March 6, '86,	\$20 00
Mrs. L. S. Davis, aid to transients,	5 25
William Neal, " "	2 00
" " " W. W. Blake,	4 00
J. W. Beede, supplies to " "	8 00
Dr. N. C. Nutting, aid to Mrs. Ladd,	6 57
J. W. Mead, wood for F. Perkins,	2 50
John M. Eaton, " "	3 00
G. H. Clark & Co., shingles for W. W. Blake,	2 85
P. D. Blaisdell, slates and books for C. E. Clark's children,	90
M. G. Webster, house rent for James family,	30 00
Dr. N. C. Nutting, med. aid Charles Cogswell,	10 00
" " " O. F. Bennett,	20 00
Aaron Chase, for board of Sam'l Boynton,	30 00
P. D. Blaisdell, supplies furnished Sam'l Boynton,	12 26
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	\$157 33

PAID GENERAL EXPENSES.

Ira C. Boynton, returning births,	\$ 50
" " recording marriages, births, and deaths,	10 50
J. I. Prescott, services liquor case Town vs. Geo. Bolton,	11 19
T. B. Choate, damage to sled,	6 00
E. C. Eastman, blank books,	13 40
Arthur B. Flanders, damage to plow,	3 70
J. S. Roberts, Wamesit Engine Co., by vote,	300 00
" " " " by law,	180 00
Martin Woodman, damage to carriage,	1 50
Geo. K. James, Decoration Day,	75 00
S. W. Rollins, erroneously assessed in '82, '83, '84,	38 74
W. S. Smith, A. E. Leavitt and Wm. Neal, bounties on woodchucks,	40 30
J. E. Mudgett, three guide boards,	7 00

R. K. Durrell, damage to sleigh,	\$2 00
Bartlett & Smith, for labor, cement and brick,	11 38
Sturtevant & Bartlett for drain pipe,	27 50
William Neal, moving lobby,	15 20
John S. Dolloff, damage to sled,	5 00
Charles A. Pendexter, labor on Town Hall,	4 50
J. W. Beede, powder and fuse,	1 18
John H. Batchelder, sheep killed by dogs,	5 00
William Neal, " "	2 50
E. L. Smith, " "	4 00
O. M. Carr, " "	6 00
Richard Wiggin, " "	4 00
M. S. Swain, " "	3 00
Clarence A. Clark, printing tax bills and blanks,	4 59
J. I. Prescott, boarding prisoners and keepers for same,	10 50
H. H. Piper, " " keepers and transient,	8 00
John Dearborn, watering trough, '84-'85,	6 00
James H. Plaisted, " " "	3 00
N. B. Plummer, " " "	1 00
T. P. Perkins, " " "	3 00
W. S. Mead, " " '83-'84,	6 00
E. F. Wiggin, putting in watering trough at Tuttle's Corner,	50 00
G. F. Sanborn, printing blanks and publishing notice,	6 00
" Public Library,	50 00
" Stationery,	2 73
" Printing town reports,	48 00
" Checklist,	12 00
D. R. Caverly, watering trough, 1885,	3 00
J. H. Knowles, board of Selectmen and Supervisors to Feb. 1st, 1886,	39 60
J. Erskine, as Board of Education,	15 00
J. S. Dolloff, collecting town list in full, '83,	2 00
C. W. Neal, services as Auditor, '85,	2 00

S. W. Rollins, services as Auditor and council, '85,	\$17 00
Philip McCrillis, " Police to Mar. 1st, '86,	25 00
C. H. Perkins, " " " "	25 00
John S. Piper, " Special Police, '85,	7 00
Daniel L. Alexander, services as Supervisor,	10 00
Ira C. Boynton, services as Town Clerk, to Mar. 1, '86,	50 00
N. C. Nutting, " Health Officer,	25 00
B. B. Rollins, " " "	25 00
O. N. Roberts, " Selectman, Mar. 1 to 11, '85,	10 00
J. I. Prescott, " " " "	12 50
W. S. Smith, " " " "	12 00
E. T. Blake, " Supervisor,	18 00
" " " Selectman on division of	
school districts,	4 00
L. E. Hall, services as School Committee,	35 00
P. D. Blaisdell, " " "	35 00
D. R. Caverly, collecting town list in full, '84,	1 54
" " " " part, '85,	137 00
Eleazer Bickford, " " " '84,	75 00
T. S. Moses, services as Treasurer to Mar. 1, '86,	66 00
William Neal, " Selectman from Mar. 11, '85	
to March 1, '86,	95 00
William Neal, use of team and cash paid out,	4 10
Arthur E. Leavitt, services as Selectman from Mar.	
11, '85 to Mar. 1, '86,	130 00
Arthur E. Leavitt, use of team and cash paid out,	9 00
William S. Smith, services as Selectman from Mar.	
11, '85 to Mar. 1, '86,	135 00
William S. Smith, use of team and cash paid out.	25 70
State Tax,	1,708 00
County Tax,	1,941 79
John S. Dolloff, abatements town list, 1883,	26 35
Eleazer Bickford, " " 1884,	96 18
" " " Precinct, " "	16 54
" " " School House, Dis. No. 2.	65

Eleazer Bickford, abatements School Dis. No. 3, '84,	\$ 33
“ “ “ “ 5, “	9 60
D. R. Caverly, “ town list, “	27 23
“ “ Non-resident highway receipts, “	1 00
“ “ “ “ “ '85,	90 78
“ “ “ “ abatements, “	8 00
“ “ abatements list, '85,	85 45
“ “ “ “ “	89
“ “ list amount of discount, “	107 83
“ “ Precinct list “	3 12
“ “ abatements School Dis. No. 2, '85.	43
“ “ “ “ 5, “	2 02
“ “ “ “ 6, “	74
“ “ “ “ 8, “	6 34
Alvin Peavey, “ list, '81.	4 77
“ “ “ “ '82,	52 51
“ “ “ School Dis. No. 5, '82,	3 80
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\$6,234 70	

PAID SCHOOL HOUSE AND PRECINCT TAX.

Precinct tax, 1884,	\$24 00
School House tax, District No. 2, 1884,	6 69
“ “ 3, “	39 14
“ “ 5, “	40 00
Precinct tax, 1885,	380 00
School District tax, District No. 5, 1885,	297 00
School House “ 5, Un. Centre Harbor,	1 46
“ “ 2, 1885,	30 02
“ “ 6, “	103 63
“ “ 8, “	159 48
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\$1,072 42	

RECAPITULATION.

By whole amount of receipts,		\$13,477 52
To paid Several School Districts,	\$2090 90	
Breaking Roads,	606 31	
Roads and Bridges,	630 25	
Pauper Roads,	86 31	
Pauper Bills,	157 33	
General Expenses,	6,234 70	
Precinct and School House Taxes,	1,072 42	
	—————	\$10,878 22
Leaving a balance of		\$2,599 30

WHICH IS ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Due on Alvin Peavey list, '81,	\$62 85	
" " '82,	113 86	- 33.80
" " School House tax,		
Dis. No. 5, '82,	12 41	
Due on Eleazer Bickford list, '84,	358 54	
" " Precinct tax, '84,	54 44	
" " School House, Dis.		
No. 5, '84,	50 83	
Due on D. R. Caverly list, '85, -	102 78	
" " Precinct tax, '85,	11 87	
" " School House tax,		
Dis. No. 5, '85,	10 76	
Cash in treasury to balance,	1,820 96	
	—————	\$2,599 30

MEREDITH, N. H., March 3d, 1886.

We have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

C. W. NEAL, }
S. W. ROLLINS, } Auditors.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. SMITH, }
ARTHUR E. LEAVITT, } Selectmen
WILLIAM NEAL, } of
 } Meredith.

RECEIPTS OF TOWN HALL.

Received for rent,	\$237 50
Paid R. S. Moses, Janitor, for wood, oil, etc.,	\$58 78
“ “ “ care hall 123 times, 123 00	
	<hr/> \$181 78
Balance,	\$55 72
Average expense per night,	\$1 48

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Liabilities,	
Cash in treasury,	\$1,820 96
Due from Collectors' list,	778 34
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	\$2,599 30

The town owns 69 shares old stock B. C. & M. R. R.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. SMITH,	} Selectmen of Meredith.
ARTHUR E. LEAVITT,	
WILLIAM NEAL,	

≡TREASURER'S REPORT.≡

TOWN OF MEREDITH IN ACCOUNT WITH T. S. MOSES.

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By cash in treasury, March 1, 1885,	\$579 07
received of Selectmen,	350 76
“ D. R. Caverly,	5,711 35
“ Alvin Peavey,	225 00
“ John S. Dolloff,	67 78
“ Eleazer Bickford,	611 00
“ State Treasurer,	3,537 24
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	\$11,082 20
To paid Orders of Selectmen,	\$5,611 45
County Tax,	1,941 79
State Tax,	1,708 00
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	\$9,261 24
Cash in treasury March 1, 1886,	1,820 96
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	\$11,082 20

T. S. MOSES, Treasurer.

MEREDITH, N. H., March 3d, 1886.

We have examined the foregoing accounts of the Town Treasurer and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

C. W. NEAL, }
S. W. ROLLINS, } Auditors.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

GEO. F. SANBORN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF MER-
DITH FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st. 1886.

By cash on hand March 1st, 1885,	\$30 29
Vote, for rent, care, heat and lights for library,	50 00
Sale of catalogues,	1 80
Assessment of fines,	4 48
Mrs. Sadie Wells, loss of book,	65
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	\$87 22

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Paid Geo. F. Sanborn, rent care, heat and lights,	\$50 00
“ “ Printing catalogues,	20 00
“ “ “ Cards,	4 00
“ “ Record book,	1 25
For “Through the Dark Continent.” (2vols.)	5 75
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	\$81 00
Cash on hand,	6 22
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	\$87 22

GEO. F. SANBORN, Librarian.

== SCHOOL REPORT. ==

DISTRICT No. 2 had two terms ; one in summer, of 6 weeks, with 15 scholars and an average attendance of 14 ; and one in winter, of 10 weeks, with 17 scholars and an average attendance of 14. Both terms were taught by Miss Carrie E. Hodsdon, whose unauthoritative way had much to do in securing the good order that prevailed. Average wages per month \$23.00.

DISTRICT No. 3. Summer, 9 weeks, 12 scholars, average 11 ; winter, 12 weeks, 13 scholars, average 11. Both terms were taught by Miss Annie M. Weeks, an intelligent and competent teacher. Some fine recitations and specimens of map-drawing were observed at the summer examination, and the teacher distributed some valuable premiums. A severe snow-storm prevented a visit at close of winter term. Wages \$27.00.

DISTRICT No. 4. Summer, 7 weeks, 18 scholars, average 17 ; winter, 15 weeks, 23 scholars, average 18. Harriet J. Hoyt, an experienced and industrious teacher, had charge of both terms. Miss Hoyt governs without apparent effort, and gives all her energies to her classes. Wages \$28.00.

DISTRICT No. 6. Summer, 6 weeks, 7 scholars, average 7. This is a small school of small scholars, but they made a good showing, especially in the sounds and powers of the letters. No scholar was absent or tardy during the term. Miss Harriet J. Hoyt taught the summer term and attempted the winter one, but was compelled, by a bereavement and sickness in her father's family, to leave after 2 weeks, and the term was completed by Miss Julia A. Eaton, with good success. 9.6 weeks, 10 scholars, average 8. Wages \$28.00.

DISTRICT No. 7, Union with Laconia. In summer, Miss Sadie E. Moulton gave an excellent school of 8 weeks. 6 scholars, average 5. Wages, \$24.00. A fall term of 6 weeks, 5 scholars, average 3, and a winter term of 8 weeks, 2 scholars, and those 2 on the roll of honor, were taught by Miss Emma M. Severance. Wages, \$28.00.

DISTRICT No. 8. Summer, 8 weeks, 12 scholars, average 9; winter, 11 weeks, 16 scholars, average 11. Both terms were taught by Miss Sarah E. Neal, an energetic and faithful teacher. There was one case of insubordination requiring the attention of the school committee, but the scholars generally were orderly and attentive. Average wages, \$28.00.

The whole number of scholars throughout the town, as reported attending not less than two weeks was 366, all of whom attended to reading and spelling; to penmanship, 250; arithmetic, 305; geography, 218; grammar, 104; history, 29; composition, 46; drawing, 14; book-keeping, 21; geometry, 2; physiology, 18; botany, 15; civil government, 8; algebra, 11.

In presenting this statement, the indulgence of the town must be asked; the space allotted is not sufficient to do justice by those concerned. In general the schools under my observation have been successful to a high degree. The teachers have been efficient and faithful, and, in some instances, the scholars have shown anxiety for success equal to that of the teachers. There have been, no doubt, defects in some cases, for nothing human is perfect. There has been some lack of general exercises by the whole school on the maps and blackboards. And it should be borne in mind that good reading is something more than the ability to call all the words and rush through a sentence in a meaningless manner. Articulation, emphasis, inflection, flexibility of voice, the spirit of the author—all go to make up good reading. We admire the adept, and shall not our schools produce good readers?

The text books are too much in detail, taxing the memory more than the faculty to deduce; perception, as well as memory.

help make the scholar and the man. It may not be well to prolong this report with "suggestions in relation to the schools" of a system now obsolete. With the present school year ends the district system of the state, that has done so nobly and so well; and for the next five years, at least, unless the next legislature in its wisdom shall otherwise determine, the "Town System" will prevail. Just how our town will be benefitted by the change is not now apparent; but, with so much at issue as the prosperity of the Common Schools and the education of our children, we cannot do less than to give the new system our united and best efforts and a fair trial.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP D. BLAISDELL. Committee.

TO THE CITIZENS OF MEREDITH:

In submitting the annual report of your Committee it affords me pleasure to congratulate the patrons of the schools under my supervision, upon the general success and harmony prevailing throughout the entire year in the various schools. The Prudential Committee were well chosen, and they are to be congratulated in the choice of competent and trustworthy teachers; those who did not labor simply for the compensation derived therefrom, but for the best good of the pupils under their instruction; also for securing the services of the same teachers in those districts where more than one term is enjoyed—this is one of the fruitful sources of a good school. The schools in general have been a success. It is surprising to see how the children in schools not having terms of twelve weeks length during a year can be as well advanced as they are. A number of districts without any globes and maps, and others very poorly provided with blackboards, an article which is almost indispensable in teaching at present. It is hoped that un-

der the new law which is about to be enforced, those districts having so few weeks schooling and those having poor facilities for imparting instruction will be aided by consolidation.

Without burdening the report with any further remarks, I submit a brief report of each district as follows :

DISTRICT No. 9 AND 10, had three terms; the first two 8 weeks each, the third 9. They were all taught by the same teacher, Miss H. Amanda Whidden of New Hampton. Miss Whidden possesses excellent faculties for teaching. Good discipline was maintained and good advancement made; the pupils thoroughly understood what they had passed over. Whole number of pupils, 40; average attendance, 29. Average wages per month, \$28.66.

DISTRICT No. 11 had but one term of 10.2 weeks, under the instruction of Miss Julia A. Eaton. Miss Eaton is an experienced and faithful teacher; she labored earnestly for the good of her pupils, and the term, though short, was a profitable one. At the closing examination the thoroughness and promptness with which the pupils answered evinced the fact of faithfulness on the part of both teacher and pupil. Whole number of pupils, 6; average attendance, 5. Wages per month, \$21.40.

DISTRICT No. 12 had but two terms; the first term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss Cora A. Plummer, who proved that she possessed every faculty for a successful teacher. The term was an interesting and profitable one; perfect order, good advancement and thoroughness manifested in all of the branches studied. The second term of 9.6 weeks was taught by Maurice H. Robinson. He entered upon his duties with zeal; the desire for the advancement of the pupils was manifest. A considerable attention was paid to technical points, and the term as a whole was a successful one. Whole number of pupils, 10; average attendance, 7. Average wages per month, \$19.80.

DISTRICT No. 13. One term of 10 weeks. This district

was fortunate in securing the services of Miss Cora A. Plummer, who taught the first term in District No. 12. There was willingness to work on the part of both teacher and pupils, and good improvement was perceptible at the closing examination. Whole number of pupils, 6; average attendance, 6. Wages per month, \$18.00.

DISTRICT No. 14 had two terms; the first 8 weeks, second 16 weeks, both taught by Miss Villa E. Dearborn, who is a teacher of much experience and talent for imparting instruction and training to the young mind; having taught a number of successive terms in this district, the advancement was marked and discipline without fault. At the examination the pupils manifested unusual talent according to their age, and they were prepared to answer any question asked in whatever they had studied. The examination far exceeded my expectations. Whole number of pupils, 8; average attendance, 7. Average wages per month, \$16 50.

DISTRICT No. 15 had one term of 8.8 weeks, which was successfully taught by Mrs. Clara F. Chase. The motto of Mrs. Chase was good order and thoroughness, and upon the part of the pupils a willingness to obey and a desire to improve; the result was a good understanding of what had been passed over, and money well expended. Whole number, 9; average attendance, 8. Teacher's wages per month, \$20.00.

DISTRICT No. 16 had one term of 11 weeks, taught by Miss Ella Thompson. Miss Thompson is a teacher of considerable experience and seemed to possess all of the qualities necessary for a good teacher. I visited the school at the beginning and was well satisfied with her plan for work and discipline. Not knowing the time of its termination, I was absent at that time thus did not receive the notice, so could not visit it at the close, but learned through the Prudential Committee that it was a successful and profitable term. Whole number of pupils, 7; average, 7. Wages per month, \$20.40.

DISTRICT NO. 17 had one term of 11.8 weeks under the instruction of Mr. Charles F. Robinson. This was his first experience, but notwithstanding that he manifested marked ability as a teacher and seemed well adapted to the profession. Good discipline prevailed and commendable advancement was made. Whole number of pupils, 10: average 8. Wages per month, \$16.43.

Respectfully yours,

LYMAN E. HALL, Committee.

REPORT OF THE

==BOARD * OF © EDUCATION==

IN DISTRICT NO. 5.

THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT of the school under our supervision has been under the charge of Miss Carrie E. Hoag of Sandwich. This department was very much crowded during the Summer term, but was relieved at the commencement of the Fall term by a promotion of a large class into the next room. Miss Hoag has shown herself to be a teacher of marked ability, laboring to the entire satisfaction of the Committee. Whole number of pupils, 67; average attendance, 41. Length of school year, 30 weeks.

THE INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT has again been in the care of Miss M. E. Bedee, who has well sustained her reputation of the previous year, as a faithful, efficient teacher. Whole number of scholars, 58; average, 49. Length of school, 30 weeks.

The Summer term of the Grammar School was taught by Miss H. B. Rand, its former teacher. At its close, Miss Rand being promoted, Miss M. E. Cram, a former teacher of the Primary Department, was secured for the remainder of the year. A teacher has some difficulties to encounter in this school, but the closing examinations showed a good degree of advancement on the part of the scholars. Miss Cram's reputation as a teacher is well known. Whole number of scholars, 32. Length of year 30 weeks.

THE HIGH SCHOOL was placed under the instruction of Miss H. B. Rand, promoted from the Grammar School, who has sustained her reputation as a teacher in her new position, her school being a decided success. Whole number of scholars, 28. The 3d term being in progress we can report but two terms.

Very good advancement has been made in all of the departments, showing faithful work on the part of both pupils and teacher. The registers show but few visits to the schools from parents having children in the different departments, which is to be regretted.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board,

M. A. NORRIS, Secretary.

==BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT.==

FOR THE YEAR 1885.

We found the sanitary conditions of Meredith Village rather worse than we expected, though many were as neat as could be desired. As a rule the people seemed anxious to make such changes as were necessary, but a few were delinquent and we were obliged to serve about a dozen written notices, which accomplished the desired effect. There has been no cases of typhoid fever in the village during the Summer or Fall. In Meredith Centre we found everything as could be desired, with the exception of two places, which have since been improved.

We would call attention to the fact that a system of sewerage is needed in the village, as our wells would then be protected. Water brought by pipes to all parts of the village from the lake above us for general supply, and in case of fire, is much needed.

There has been an unusual large number of deaths in town this winter, but mostly of aged people.

B. B. ROLLINS, }
N. C. NUTTING, } Board of Health.

== RETURNS OF FARM PRODUCTS. ==

The following three returns are the only ones which have been handed to the Selectmen :

F. S. PRESCOTT : Horses, over three years old, 2 ; oxen, over six feet, 4 ; steers, 6 ; bulls, 1 ; cows, 5 ; heifers 2 years old, 1 ; calves, 3 ; swine over 4 months, 3 ; hens, 20 ; butter, 600 lbs. ; lard, 40 ; hay, English, tons, 15 ; hay, other qualities, tons, 5 ; ensilage, tons, 60 ; straw, tons, 1 1-2 ; corn, popping ear, bush., 2 ; buckwheat, bush., 38 1-2 ; oats, bush., 19 ; beans, bush., 5 ; peas, bush., 8 ; cabbage, number, 25 ; eggs, doz., 125 ; squash, number, 30 ; pumpkins, number, 150 ; asparagus, lbs., 10 ; potatoes, bush., 165 ; turnips, 3 ; carrots, bush., 1 ; apples, bush., 150 ; plums, bush., 2 ; cherries, bush., 1 ; cranberries, bush., 2 ; currants, bush., 1 ; gooseberries, bush., 1 ; strawberries, bush., 1.

GEORGE C. LAWRENCE : Horses over 3 years old, 1 ; oxen over 6 feet, 2 ; cows, 2 ; heifers, 2 years old, 1 ; swine over 4 months, 1 ; hens, 40 ; butter, lbs., 200 ; lard, 35 ; maple sugar, lbs., 50 ; hay, English, tons, 5 ; hay, other qualities, tons, 5 ; corn-fodder, tons, 3 ; straw, tons, 2 ; corn, shelled, bush., 50 ; corn, sweet, bush., 2 ; corn, popping ear, bush., 1 ; oats, bush., 40 ; beans, bush., 6 ; peas, bush., 1 ; cabbage, number, 50 ; eggs, doz., 100 ; squash, number, 25 ; pumpkins, 3 loads ; potatoes, bush., 110 ; onions, bush., 2 ; turnips, bush., 5 ; parsnips, bush., 1 ; carrots, bush., 1 ; apples, bush., 450.

MRS. ABRAM BRYANT : Horses over 3 years old, 1 ; oxen over 6 feet, 2 ; cows, 4 ; calves, 2 ; swine, over 4 months, 2 ; hens, 20 ; butter, lbs., 346 ; cheese, lbs., 522 ; lard, lbs., 30 ; maple sugar, lbs., 20 ; maple syrup, gal., 2 ; hay, English, tons, 5 ; hay, other qualities, tons, 5 ; corn-fodder, tons, 2 ; straw, tons, 1 ; corn, shelled, bush., 65 ; corn, sweet, bush., 5 ; oats, 18 ; eggs, doz., 147 ; squash, 54 ; pumpkins, 50 ; beans, bushels, 6 1-2 ; potatoes, bush., 115 ; onions, bush., 1 ; parsnips, bush., 1 ; carrots, bush., 3 ; apples, bush., 50 ; grapes, bush., 1 ; cranberries, bush., 1.



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